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QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION IN ALL COUNTRIES OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AND STUDY OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THESE HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING: PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE RIGHT TO ENJOY AN ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING; FOREIGN DEBT, ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT POLICIES AND THEIR EFFECTS ON THE DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its forty-seventh session, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities adopted resolution 1995/32 entitled "Effects on the full enjoyment of human rights of structural adjustment programmes" in which it endorsed the report of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of its resolution 1994/37 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/10); requested the Commission on Human Rights to authorize an open-ended working group of the Commission to meet for a period of one week prior to its fifty-third session to elaborate, on the basis of the preliminary set of basic policy guidelines on structural adjustment programmes and economic, social and cultural rights contained in chapter II of the report of the Secretary-General and in close cooperation with Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, policy guidelines on the subject-matter; invited

the Commission to request the Secretary-General to invite Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to contribute to the elaboration of draft policy guidelines by providing their comments on the preliminary set of basic policy guidelines for consideration by the working group; and recommended that the Commission consider this question at its fifty-second session.

2. To facilitate the Commission's consideration of this question in accordance with the recommendation of the Sub-Commission, the report of the Secretary-General will be available.